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Mansfield Board of Education
February 11, 2011
DRAFT Minutes

Attendees: Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, Rebecca

Aubrey, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus, Kelly Zimmermann

**Excused:** Elizabeth Verge

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ms. Ward

Ms. Allison read the Mission Statement of the Mansfield Board of Education.

Ms. Ward read the following statement: In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B and social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC to slow community spread of COVID-19, this meeting is physically closed to the public. The public may view the meeting live at https://mansfieldct.gov/video or on Charter Spectrum Cable Channel 191 (the website is recommended as it is a higher image clarity). Public Comment will be accepted by email at <a href="mailto:mboesupt@mansfieldct.org">mboesupt@mansfieldct.org</a> or by USPS mail care of the Mansfield Board of Education, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268 and must be received by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to be included in an updated meeting packet. Public comment received after this time will be shared at the next meeting.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Aubrey, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting. Vote: unanimous in favor with Mrs. Paulhus in abstention

Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Ms. Allison, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Paulhus in abstention.

Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Everett, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Paulhus in abstention.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: The Board received an email from Benjamin Sememza, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at the Middle School. Mr. Semenza proposes that student are provided with "Mental Health Days." Mrs. Lyman will report back to Board after discussing with the Middle School Administrators.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

**BOARD REPORTS: None** 

## INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Lyman reported the district has had a positive reduction in COVID-19 cases. There have been 4 school closings, 3 snow days and 1 remote learning day. Remote Learning parents have been surveyed to help plan next year. Results from the community survey to assist with strategic planning are under review.
- Remote Learning Team Operations: Mrs. Lyman introduced Candace Morell, Principal of Mansfield Middle School, Lauren Rodriguez, Principal Southeast School, Shamim Patwa, Director of Student Support Services, Carly Paine, Math/Science Coordinator, and Karen LeFevre, Technology Integration Specialist. Each staff member reported on different sections of Remote Learning in the Mansfield Schools.
- 2021-22 School Calendar: Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Ms. Everett, to adopt the proposed 2021-22 School Calendar. Vote: In favor: Mr. Litrico, Ms. Allison, Ms. Aubrey, Ms. Everett, Ms. Ward, Ms. Zimmermann. Opposed: Mrs. Mrs. Kelly, Abstained: Mrs. Paulhus. Motion: Passed
- Building Update: Middle School Roof and Photovoltaic: All required application materials have been submitted.
  Mrs. Lyman reported the State will provide two project numbers. One for the roof and the second one for the
  photovoltaics. Once the committee receives the project numbers, they can meet with the State to get the project
  approved.
- Building Update: New Elementary School: Ms. Ward reported the committee hopes to get final approval from the State by February 23<sup>rd</sup> and hopes to go out to bid in early March.
- Proposed 2021-2020 Budget: Mrs. Lyman provided a review of her proposed 2021-22 Budget. She reported that ESSER II grant funds can be used to address additional staff proposed in the budget for remote learning. This

reduces the proposed operating budget to \$24,006,080 (2.29% increase). Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Aubrey to adopt the proposed Mansfield Board of Education 2021-2022 Budget of \$24,006,080. Vote: Mr. Litrico, Ms. Allison, Ms. Everett, Ms. Ward, Ms. Aubrey, Ms. Zimmermann in favor, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Paulhus in objection. Motion passes.

**NEW BUSINESS: None** 

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mrs. Everett would like the district to explore Pollinator Pathways. Ms. Zimmermann would like the Board members to review a letter to staff and let her know changes/suggestions.

Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Everett, to adjourn at 8:57pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.